



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 299

LCO No. 1311

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PARENT'S OBLIGATION TO MAKE
REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-130 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The parents of a minor child for whom care or support of any
4 kind has been provided under the provisions of this chapter shall be
5 liable to reimburse the state for such care or support to the same
6 extent, and under the same terms and conditions, as are the parents of
7 recipients of public assistance, except that such parents shall not be
8 liable for reimbursement if the Commissioner of Children and Families
9 determines that (1) the income of the parents of any such child is at
10 least three hundred per cent below the federal poverty level, and (2)
11 reimbursement will harm the family.

12 (b) Upon receipt of foster care maintenance payments under Title
13 IV-E of the Social Security Act by a minor child, the right of support,
14 present, past, and future, from a parent of such child shall, by this

15 section, be assigned to the Commissioner of Children and Families.
16 Referral by the commissioner shall promptly be made to the Child
17 Support Enforcement Unit of the Department of Social Services for
18 pursuit of support for such minor child in accordance with the
19 provisions of section 17b-179. Any child who reimburses the state
20 under the provisions of subsection (l) of section 46b-129 for any care or
21 support such child received shall have a right of action to recover such
22 payments from such child's parents.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2010</i> | 46b-130 |
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Statement of Purpose:

To relieve parents of the burden of reimbursing the state for the care and custody of children removed from the home if the commissioner determines the income level of the family is three hundred per cent below the poverty level and reimbursement will harm the family.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]